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## **Testimony**

In Support of Raised Senate Bill No. 158 An Act Concerning Cost-Sharing For Mammograms and Breast Ultrasounds.

## Insurance and Real Estate Committee March 3, 2016

Chairman Crisco, Chairman Megna, Senator Kelly, Representative Sampson and distinguished members of the Insurance and Real Estate Committee.

I am here in support of Raised Senate Bill No. 158, An Act Concerning Cost-Sharing For Mammograms and Breast Ultrasounds.

Raised bill No. 158 would provide benefits for comprehensive ultrasound screening if a mammogram demonstrates heterogeneous or dense breast tissue based on the Breast Imaging Reporting and Data System established by the American College of Radiology. This screening could be done in conjunction with a woman's medical history or if a woman is believed, due to family history, to have an increased risk for breast cancer.

I would also like to add that I believe this bill should be merged with Raised House Bill No. 5233 An Act Requiring Health Insurance Coverage For Tomosynthesis For Breast Cancer Screenings to achieve maximum effectiveness.

Thank you for your attention to this issue.

Sincerely,

Gary Byron

State Representative – 27<sup>th</sup> District